

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-35 are pending, in which no claim is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, withdrawn from consideration, currently amended, or newly presented.

The Office Action mailed April 1, 2004 rejected claims 1-14 and 16-19 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over *Kult et al.* (US 6,480,597), which is filed on the same date as the present application.

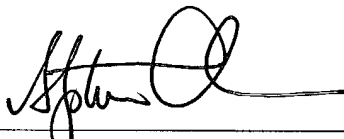
In view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith, however, the obviousness-type double-patenting rejection of claims 1-14 and 16-19 is considered moot and the present application is in condition for allowance.

If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at 703-425-8516 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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